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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Frank Diehl, et al.

Serial No.: 10/082,395

Filed: February 25, 2002

For: PROCESS FOR BINDING NUCLEIC ACIDS TO A CARRIER

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a **ONE**-month extension of time up to and including **JUNE 27, 2002**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of **\$55.00** and to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to deposit account number **18-0990**.

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